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| In re application of: Basol | |
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| For: Plating Method and Apparatus For Controlling Deposition on Predetermined Portions of a Workpiece | Palo Alto, California <i>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</i> <i>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 18, 2002</i> Signed <u>Kathleen M. Smith</u> Kathleen M. Smith |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Preliminary Amendments.

Accompanying this submission is a Petition for Acceptance of an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority and the requisite fee for the Petition.

Please amend the application as follows:

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